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TO CINCPAC IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 310096

EXDIS MILITARY HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

FOR POLAD FOR HOLBROOKE ONLY

OLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 20028 ACTION STATE DEC 30.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 20028

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DEPT PLEASE PASS CINCPAC FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE ONLY

DEPT PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY

FOR AMB. STRAUSS, STR; EA FOR GLEYSTEN; HENRY OWEN, WHITE HOUSE  
FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, JA, US  
SUBJECT: US-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS

REF: STATE 310056

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1. I REQUEST YOUR URGENT CONSIDERATION OF DELICATE TIMING  
PROBLEM SET OUT BELOW.

2. I AM HAPPY THAT YOU FEEL CURRENT STATE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS  
WARRANT YOUR VISITING TOKYO JAN. 12 AND 13 BUT I AM MOST  
DISTURBED THAT PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT OR KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR  
INTENTION WILL BLOW UP THE ELABORATE SCENARIO THE JAPANESE

GOVERNMENT HAS PUT TOGETHER ON AGRICULTURAL ITEMS.

3. GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL NOT BE REPLY-  
ING TO US ON OUR REQUESTS UNTIL AFTER NEW YEARS  
HOLIDAYS (THAT IS WEDNESDAY JAN. 4) IN ORDER TO  
GIVE GOVERNMENT OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH LDP AGRICUL-  
TURAL MISSION VISITING WASHINGTON. WE WILL ALL BE IN  
BAD HOT WATER IF YOU ARE KNOWN TO HAVE AGREED TO COME  
ON BASIS OF PACKAGE NAKAGAWA GAVE ME DEC. 28, WHEN  
THAT PACKAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE  
PARTY. HIS ABILITY TO DELIVER US EVEN THAT PACKAGE  
WILL OBVIOUSLY BE WEAKENED IF YOU ARE KNOWN TO HAVE  
AGREED TO COME. IT IS THEREFORE OF THE UTMOST  
IMPORTANCE THAT YOU ASSURE THAT YOUR PLANS ARE NOT LEAKED.

4. PRIME MINISTER PARTICULARLY URGES YOU NOT MENTION  
JAPAN IN STATING REASONS FOR CANCELLING YOUR WASHINGTON MEETINGS.

5. I UNDERSTAND MR. ETO OF LDP MISSION IS STILL IN WASHINGTON.  
HE HAS STRONG SUPPORTERS WITHIN THE PARTY HERE; IT IS VITAL  
THAT WE LET THE JAPANESE SCENARIO PLAY ITSELF OUT. WE WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED AS TO WHEN PARTY PROCESSES CAN BE COMPLETED.

6. GOJ HAS CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE DATES OF WOLFF AND STRAUSS  
VISITS.

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7. SUGGEST DEP. BRIEF USDA ON SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE.  
WE WILL ALL BE IN THE SOUP IF THERE IS A LEAK FROM  
WASHINGTON. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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